

COMPREHENSIVE EXEMPTION LIST
for the
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Pursuant to 11-200-8(a) Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), the following types of actions shall generally be declared exempt by the Department of Defense (DOD) from the requirements to prepare an environmental assessment. As stated in the rules, all exemptions under the following classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of planned successive actions in the same place, over time, is significant or involving cultural resources (historic, archaeological, and cultural sites), environmentally sensitive areas (including flood plains, wetlands, beaches, coastal areas, erosion-prone areas, geologically hazardous land, critical habitats, and estuaries) or when an action that is normally insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment.

EXEMPTION CLASS #1: Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing.

1. Reroofing.
2. Fumigating and treating buildings for pests using pesticides registered by the Department of Agriculture (DOA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Licensed applicators will apply pesticides in conformance with restrictions noted on labels.
3. Repairing size-for-size water and sewer lines (not to exceed the Class 1 limitations).
4. Repairing damaged buildings.
5. Painting exterior.
6. Repairing automobiles and equipment to include sanding and painting at approved DOD facilities.
7. Firing small caliber hand-held weapons on approved firing ranges only. Frequency of training is approximately one weekend per month.
8. Flying helicopters in accordance with applicable governmental regulations.
9. Operating small units and maneuvering dismounted troops and tactical vehicles (including other equipment) at approved training

areas on a daily basis during annual training and inactive duty training.

10. Performing scheduled or unscheduled maintenance including lubrication and major service of vehicles and associated equipment at approved facilities.
11. Moving equipment to and from maintenance facilities for the purpose of delivering or accepting equipment.

EXEMPTION CLASS #2: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height, and dimensions as the structure replaced.

1. Replacing obsolete buildings.
2. Rehabilitating buildings.
3. Replacing water, sewer lines, and fuel storage containment buildings.
4. Replanting shrubs.
5. Replacing fences.
6. Resurfacing existing pavement.

EXEMPTION CLASS #3: Construction and location of single, new, small facilities or structures and the alteration and modification of the same and installation of new, small, equipment and facilities and the alteration and modification of same, including, but not limited to: (a) single-family residences less than 3,500 square feet not in conjunction with the building of 2 or more such units; (b) multi-unit structures designed for not more than 4 dwelling units if not in conjunction with the building of 2 or more such structures; (c) stores, offices, and restaurants designed for total occupant load of 20 persons or less per structure, if not in conjunction with the building of 2 or more such structures; and (d) water, sewage, electrical, gas, telephone, and other essential public utility service extensions to serve such structure or facilities; accessory or appurtenant structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences; and acquisition of utility easements.

1. Installing minor water and/or sewer lines.
2. Constructing and installing guardrails.
3. Altering and modifying exterior of existing buildings or structures.

4. Civil Defense warning sirens.
5. Radio antennas not more than 20 feet above the ground, or not more than 20 feet above the tree, natural formation, or existing man-made structure on which it is mounted, provided that such installations do not occur in the Conservation District and are in conformance with State law and County ordinances.

EXEMPTION CLASS #4: Minor alteration in the conditions of land, water, or vegetation.

1. Upgrading existing surfaces, such as concrete slabs and trails as long as there is no increase in foot print.
2. Lighting less than 15 feet in height for security, safety, and decorative purposes.
3. Trimming trees.
4. Installing sprinkler and drip irrigation systems.
5. Mowing and cutting grass and shrubs.
6. Using EPA- and State DOA-approved pesticides and herbicides under the supervision of certified applicators for spot or test plot applications within specified areas.
7. Landscaping along roadways and buildings.
8. Enhancing native revegetation/habitat projects on a small scale.
9. Fertilizing vegetation.
10. Clearing nonnative (alien) vegetation and noxious weeds.
11. Conducting minor pest control (rodents, insects, deer, goats, etc.) for the purpose of native plant restoration.
12. Constructing fenced exclosures (for conservation of biodiversity) five acres or less.

EXEMPTION CLASS #5: Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

1. Biological and ecological studies that do not result in harmful disturbances to the environment.
2. Collecting and propagating native plant seeds for habitat restoration in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws.

EXEMPTION CLASS #6: Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities.

1. Building minor additions, 2000 square feet or less.
2. Extending roof.
3. Constructing walkways and sidewalks.
4. Constructing or placing concrete slabs for tents in training areas on Federal Inventory Stationing Plan.
5. Placing fuel storage facilities not exceeding 1000 gallons in volume provided secondary containment is provided and is in accordance with all other Federal and State laws.

EXEMPTION CLASS #7: Interior alterations involving partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.

1. Altering and renovating interior of DOD buildings.
2. Adding or removing partitions.
3. Painting.
4. Installing electrical service.
5. Installing intrusion detection system.
6. Installing ventilators or air conditioning.
7. Installing fire alarm system.
8. Installing fire sprinkler system.
9. Covering floor and ceiling.

EXEMPTION CLASS #8: Demolition of structures, except those structures located on any historic site as designated in the National Register or Hawaii Register as provided for in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Public Law 89-665, 16 U.S.C. 470, as amended, or Chapter 6E, HRS.

1. Demolishing uncontaminated DOD structures, except those on any historic site.

EXEMPTION CLASS #9: Zoning variances except shoreline setback variances.

1. Zoning variances of DOD properties, except shoreline setback variances and variances within the Waikiki Special District.

EXEMPTION CLASS #10: Continuing administrative activities including, but not limited to, purchases of supplies and personnel-related actions.

1. Purchasing normal supplies.
2. Hiring and/or firing work force.
3. Annual and weekend training for National Guard personnel.
4. Purchasing motor vehicles and equipment.
5. Unit recruiting drives including displays and publicity programs for National Guard personnel.
6. Moving National Guard personnel during annual training (Schofield and Pohakuloa Training Area).